

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS  
2008-2009**

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The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) annually grants Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarships to spotlight exemplary work performed by graduate students at the University of Oklahoma. Three scholarships are given each year: 1) Overall Outstanding Graduate Student; 2) Outstanding Teaching Assistant and 3) Outstanding Research Assistant.

To be eligible for competition, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- A supervising professor, staff member, or fellow student at the University of Oklahoma must nominate the graduate student.
- The nominee must be currently enrolled at OU as a graduate student.
- The **nomination form must be accompanied by one supporting letter from the student's primary advisor/supervisor** and returned by the nominating party to the Graduate Student Senate office (located in the OMU Conoco Student Leadership Wing). A second, optional letter of support may come from the nominating party (if the nominating party is also the student's primary supervisor/advisor, this letter may come from another individual who is familiar with the assistant's work/accomplishments).
- Upon receipt of a nomination, the Academic Affairs Committee will contact the nominated student. GSS will request a curriculum vita from each candidate, which should include his/her achievements, activities, teaching philosophy, research experience, etc, as a means of demonstrating why he or she deserves this recognition.

**All nominations must be submitted no later than 4 pm on Thursday April 9th, 2009.**

A completed nomination packet will include the following components:

- Completed nomination form
- One (1) letter of support from the student's primary supervisor/advisor
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the nominee's work/accomplishments
- A curriculum vita composed and submitted by the nominated graduate student.

**The C.V. should be submitted to the Graduate Student Senate Office no later than 4:00 pm Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

All materials should be returned to the Graduate Student Senate office (Conoco Student Leadership Wing of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, Room 181). Strict adherence to the rules of this application is required. The Graduate Student Senate will exclude from consideration for these scholarships those applications not fulfilling the requirements listed above, or if missing any required components.

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I would like you to consider the following graduate student at The University of Oklahoma for an scholarship in recognition of their outstanding efforts

**Nominee** (First and Last Name)

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**E-mail** (valid OU e-mail address)

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**Department** (please, give the complete name of the department or school)

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Scholarship for efforts as a (check no more than two boxes)

Teaching Assistant

Research Assistant

Overall Outstanding Graduate Student

In a typed letter (500) words or less, please outline why you have chosen to nominate/support this graduate student for an scholarship. Each support letter should include the following:

- The graduate student's/assistant's specific achievements (teaching, research, or other).
- The extent to which the assistant has furthered the progress of teaching/research in his/her field or department, or contributed to his/her fellow students' learning/research experience.
- The extent to which the assistant has surpassed the expectations of average performance.

**No more than two (2) support letters are allowed. One (1) of the support letters must be from the student's supervisor.**

This is to certify that I am a currently enrolled student nominating another student, or I am currently employed at the University of Oklahoma as a Faculty or Staff member.

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Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Title

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Date